

CANNABIS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADDENDUM 1

June 23, 2023

TO ALL BIDDERS OF RECORD:

This Addendum consists of 2 page(s). This Addendum forms a part of the Request for Proposals and modifies it as follows:

Questions and Answers:

1. Under what conditions would the agency choose to award the contract to a single vendor instead of multiple vendors?
If they satisfy the conditions and requirements and the RFP submission scores well.
2. Will all equity applicants have the opportunity to engage vendor services?
YES , if they are qualified and determined to be a social equity applicant candidate.
3. Climate Change Self-Certification – Would our business model as a remote company qualify us for Self-Certification consideration?
Yes. The last question of the Climate Change Self-Certification provided in the Certificate of Compliance provides an opportunity to list any additional practices that promote clean energy and take action to address climate change.
4. Does ACCD have intent to memorialize technical assistance content produced as a result of this contract?
The answer to this question depends on the type of technical assistance provided. The State shall determine whether the content provides universal value and should be retained for future use.
5. Could you please provide some clarity on, and examples of, the “direct and/or indirect support and/or training” that the vendor would be providing as part of SOW 2.2?
Direct Support example would include an in-person confidential meeting providing advice and counsel regarding financial, business growth options and regulatory requirements. Indirect Support example is a candidate needs to monitor a static online learning management system series of videos and digital content.
6. Could you provide additional information regarding which loans and grants would be offered to the licensees?
This information is not available at this time
7. Will ACCD provide a central, digital repository for all technical assistance content?
See answer 4

If so, how does the agency plan to determine benchmarks and assure quality with multiple awards?
**Benchmarks will be determined by the process and means of the technical assistance provisions.
The Agency will work the vendor to establish appropriate benchmarks and quality assurances.**

8. Is there an incumbent organization currently providing this scope of work? If so, who?
No.
9. Is criminal record expungement a requirement for equity applicants?
The question and requirements for social equity need to refer the Cannabis Control Board and their guidance document for social equity applicants (Link is in Section 2 of the RFP)
10. Regarding Section 5.1.1, does ACCD anticipate changing the due date of this proposal?
“5.1.1. The State may, for cause, issue an addendum to change the date and/or time when bids are due. If a change is made, the State will inform all bidders by posting at the webpage indicated on the front page of this RFP.”
We do not plan to do so at this time.

END OF ADDENDUM #1